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Dear Hal:

First, I want to thank you for sending me the documents on Schiller. They are much appreciated.

As you requested in your last letter I did call Paul Hoch & asked him if he had the index to your book, "Never Again" and he said, yes, he had both your book & the index so there is no need to send him one.

I appreciate your sending me the index as it is necessary when going over it. I should mention that I have completed reading your book and it is truly great. I'm in the process of writing as many reviews as possible for the various assassination journals and, if possible, perhaps some mainstream press such as the S.F. Chronicle (which, undoubtedly, will ignore them).

Enclosed in this letter are xerox copies of many items and you'll note I've enclosed a summary of the "typos" I found in your book with page & paragraph references. I'm sure you'll find it useful & the publisher can make use of it, too. Since I don't own

a computer & I'm not very fast with my typewriter I did it long-hand but my writing is clear & legible enough.

Before I forget I called Gary Aguilar & discussed briefly with him the Mantik-Aguilar "take" on the autopsy photo. I listed about 6 out many reasons for not stating fakery. Gary said he truly appreciates your comments but insists he is not stating deception & won't do so. All he asks is that the question be raised and answered. I tried in my own way, to show why I'm in agreement with your position. I do believe it has an effect on him. As for Mantik I cannot say. I've only met him briefly & not discussed this aspect with him.

Gary says he has done your index & has put it on a floppy disc & is willing to send it to anyone you want him to forward it.

As I mentioned above I'm in the process of doing book reviews & am reading Mailer's & Newman's book. I note that both Mailer & Newman include the Oswald New Orleans WDSU interview but have different transcripts! And then there is the Warren Commission transcript. How many transcripts of this debate are now floating around??! Mailer omits Oswald's slip & Newman has a corrected version which doesn't include the "slip". What's going on here, I ask??!

Gary Aguilar told me that Oliver Stone who was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the next "COPA" conference in Washington in October, 1995 will not be able to come. Gary says Stone will be in Indonesia

then + cannot make it, I have no idea whom "COPA" will get to replace him. (I hope this time "COPA" will get someone more responsible!).

You'll note the "Weekly World News" article I've enclosed about "JFK's Last Words" which I think is absolutely ludicrous, I note that it refers to a new book called "Death in Dallas" by William Shannon. I've not heard of this book but Shannon's name rings some kind of a bell in my mind. Wasn't Shannon connected with the N.Y. Daily News writing all those famous "anti-communist" editorials?

Note also that the news of the "Washington Spectator" of June 1st states that Norman Mailer would be called up by the ARRB to discuss his findings. I couldn't believe it! The ARRB is going to ask Norman for his psychoanalytic interpretations of Oswald!! This is supposed to be a review board hearing evidence + they want Mailer's opinions about what he says is a "mental case"! And I didn't read this in the "National Inquirer"!!

I believe this article was written by Max Holland + this may reveal more about Holland than it does of the ARRB or Mailer. There may be a ~~bit~~ bit of peculiar irony in that in one of the xeroxes I've enclosed there is an excerpt from Alexander Cockburn's

new book, "The Golden Ages Are In Us" & there is a reference to an interview Cockburn did of Wesley Liebeler. Liebeler says he sent a psychological profile he did of Oswald to a chief of psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic and that doctor said the "profile" told him more about Liebeler than it did about Oswald!

Cockburn is speaking at a bookstore here in S.F. on June 9th and I'll be putting him on the "hot roaster", so to speak, about the absurd stuff he put in his book. I'll be a bit harder on Cockburn than I was with Mailer (the boxer). I don't think Cockburn can go the ten rounds when I confront him! I'm looking forward to it.

By the way I do have at least one tape of Mailer (his interview with Ron Owens of KGO) & I'll be getting another tape Mailer did with Michael Krasny. Some of the stuff he said on the Krasny show are real howlers. If you need the tapes (for actual quotations) I can send them to you.

Some Examples= "Hoover was giving advice to Warren almost every night"; "There's no use trying to interview people here" (he meant Dallas). And the reason Mailer explained is that "all they remember is their last interview with a reporter"; Mailer (on Marina)= "She's full of guilt — suffused with guilt. She had a lot of mixed feelings about us (probably Mailer & Schiller) and I'm sure that

now that the book is out she doesn't like us at all."

As I see it, Hal, the only guilt she feels about herself is allowing herself to be tricked into talking with them!

Mailer = "I don't identify with Posner's book at all. When he closes the suitcase, he doesn't close it completely. He lets a few clothes hang out."

This is the same Mailer who lambasted Posner when I heard him speak (as "keynote speaker") in Dallas. He accused Posner of "cutting corners" and "sloppy writing". Yet, Mailer uses Posner as a source in his book! (I wonder what the Mayo Clinic man would say of Mailer often reading this statement! Liebeler & Mailer, boy, what a pair!

By the way, I'm titling a book review on Mailer's book as "The not-so-mysterious Mailer & Oswald in Fantasy (Russia) Land!" My piece on Cockburn will be called = "Cockburn Does Dallas".

Some of the other articles I've included relate to the "fourth decade". Please note, in particular, the Joe Backes article on how the ARRB is dragging its feet and Backes's quite almost heroic attempts to do something about it as a one man opposition. Joe is part

of the photographic researchers I'm in touch with. He and I don't always agree on certain issues (he still thinks the Oswald-Militant photos were faked + I don't) but he is one who takes no guff from anyone + isn't afraid to state what he feels.

By the way speaking about the photographic evidence - I agree with you when you said in your letter that I shouldn't waste my time giving the ARRB a video I hope to do providing solid evidence for a first shot killing JFK (+not missing). I got carried away by the idea of the thing. You are correct — that is not what they are set up for. I still do believe in making a video available to the public + serious researchers so they can have a tool or guide to refer to when discussing evidence. I may do something like this to show at the next "COPA" event.

I guess I will close now + give you time to review all the enclosed. I don't, naturally, agree with all of the material sent but I wanted you to be aware of what's being said + done.